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SUBJECT: AFRO/ARAB TRADE UNION CONFERENCE, ALGIERS, OCTOBER 16-22

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1. MAURITANIAN LABOR UNION (UTM) DID NOT SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO ALGIERS AFRO-ARAB TRADE UNION CONFERENCE. AS REPORTED REFTEL B, UTM MADE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO CHANGE LOCATION OF CONFERENCE. AT LATE SEPTEMBER ILO REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN ABIDJAN, UTM REPRESENTATIVES LOBBIED TO CONVINCE AFRICAN STATES TO NOT SEND DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE IF HELD IN ALGIERS.

2. DENNIS AKUMU, SEC GEN OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY (OATUU), VISITED NOUAKCHOTT OCTOBER 14-15 EN ROUTE TO ALGIERS CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO UTM OFFICIALS AKUMU'S VISIT TO MAURITANIA WAS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ONE AND AKUMU AGREED THAT ONLY NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU AND THE ARAB LEAGUE TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART AS FULL PARTICIPANTS IN ALGIERS CONFERENCE. AS REPORTED BY AFP IN MAURITANIAN PRESS, AKUMU REMAINED TRUE TO HIS AGREEMENT WITH MAURITANIANS AND POLISARIO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE.

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3. UTM OFFICIALS REPORT THAT THEY ARE VERY PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY SINCE POLISARIO REP WAS NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE. ACCORDING TO UTM OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM ONLY 26 OF 49 OAU NRZ RHS SENLFAFDM7- TO CONFERENCE DUE TO IN PART TO QUM EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE IF IT WERE HELD IN ALGIERS.

UGFBJJQI OFFICIAL STATED THAT WHEN AFRICAN DELEGATES ARRIVED AT
CONFERENCE, ALGIERS HW ALREADY ISSUED DELEGATE BADGES TO
REPRESENTATIVES FROM ERITREAN AND POLISARIO MOVEMENTS.
AFRICAN DELEGATES OBJECTED TO THIS PARTICIPATION SINCE
NEITHER MOVEMENT WAS OFFICIAL GECOIFIZED BY OATUU. WE ASSUME
PROCUDURAL WRANGLING DURING FIRST TWO DAYS OF CONFERENCE WAS
IN PART OVER EFFORTS TO SEAT POLISARIO AND ERITREAN DELEGATIONS.
UTM OFFICIALS REPORT SENEGALESE REP WAS AMONG LEADERS FIGHTING AGAINST
ACCREDIULTATION OF POLISARIO REPRESENTATIVE.

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